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## Woman dies from mugging in Barbados

**BEATING** An Ottawa woman who was beaten and left unconscious on a beach in Barbados died at the Ottawa Hospital's Civic campus yesterday morning, CBC News Online reports.

On Feb. 28, Terry Schwarzfeld, 60, was walking along the Caribbean island's Long Beach when she and her daughter-in-law were mugged. The two women were reportedly beaten with a piece of wood and left unconscious.

While Luana Cotsman, a Guelph resident, regained consciousness while still on the beach, Schwarzfeld suffered serious brain injuries and never regained consciousness.

Schwarzfeld is the past executive director of Agudath Israel Synagogue and was recently named president of the Canadian chapter of Hadassah-WIZO.

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## Richardson dies after accident

**Riding the Recession**

Now through the end of March, Metro will share advice on how to cut down on expenses and navigate your way through the recession.

**Food**  
• Local meals for a steal, pg 14  
**Tomorrow**  
• How the recession is changing the musical landscape for fans, music publications, and even television.

Fashion Week

Cheri Milaney



A model presents a dress from Vancouver-based designer Cheri Milaney's fall/winter 2009 collection yesterday as part of Toronto Fashion Week. Coverage, pgs 12-13.

## Dodd OK'd AIG bonus loophole

**U.S. Senate banking committee chairman Chris Dodd said yesterday he was responsible for a legislative loophole that let American International Group Inc. (AIG) pay executives \$165 million in bonuses, but that he acted at the behest of the Obama administration.**

"We wrote the language in the bill to deal with bonuses, golden parachutes, excessive compensation — executive compensation — that was adopted unanimously by the United States Senate in the stimulus bill," Dodd, a Connecticut Democrat, told CNN.

He said the administration sought changes in the amendment that aimed to curb executive compensation at AIG and other firms accepting government bailout funds.

AIG has received up to \$180 billion in emergency aid and is now about 80 per cent owned by the U.S. government.

CNN, citing a Treasury official who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Treasury Department had raised

### Bonus bill

- The House, reacting to public furor, will vote today on a bill to recoup most of the bonuses paid to AIG executives, Democratic leaders said yesterday.
- The bill would impose a 90 per cent tax on bonuses for executives whose incomes exceed \$250,000. The tax would apply to executives of any company that received at least \$5 billion in government bailout money.

concerns the government would be sued if it prohibited companies like AIG from honouring bonus contracts.

Edward Liddy, the head of AIG since September, spoke yesterday at a U.S. congressional hearing and said he was trying desperately to prevent the company from collapsing when he allowed the payment of bonuses.

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## Man dies in industrial accident while delivering cheques

**KANATA** A 19-year-old Ottawa man was killed in an industrial accident at a construction site in Kanata yesterday morning.

According to Ontario Ministry of Labour

spokesperson Bruce Skeaff, the man was delivering pay slips for Collautti Construction Ltd. to other workers when he was pinned between the bucket of a bulldozer and the counter-

weights of a crane as he walked between them.

Skeaff said the man was wearing a brightly coloured traffic vest. Ottawa paramedics arrived at the housing development site near

the intersection of Kanata Avenue and Keyrock Drive around 7:23 a.m. and immediately began resuscitation measures.

"Unfortunately we couldn't do much for him," said

Ottawa paramedic spokesperson J.P. Trottier.

Inspectors from the Ministry of Labour are investigating the incident, but no charges have been laid.

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**Young offenders facing charges following altercation**

Two young offenders are facing charges in connection with a stabbing following an altercation at the Place d'Orleans Tuesday night. Paramedics treated a victim for injuries to the arm. **METRO OTTAWA**

# Local



## Close shave for cancer research

Jamal Badan shaves W.O. Mitchell Grade 7 student Seth Eichhorst's head yesterday at the St. Baldrick's Foundation event to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Participants showed solidarity with the 160,000 children who are diagnosed with cancer each year. Since its inception seven years ago, the event has raised more than \$51 million for childhood cancer research.

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### News in brief

**FIRE** Demolition crews levelled a Vanier rooming house Tuesday night after a fire destroyed a two-storey building at 174 Longpre St., leaving 16 people homeless earlier that day. The fire caused \$500,000 in structural damage and \$250,000 in contents damage.

**CHARGES** Police charged a 62-year-old Ottawa woman after she allegedly robbed a senior while acting as a live-in caregiver. Colleen McClinton is charged with two counts of theft under \$5,000, criminal breach of trust and mischief.

**SUSPECT** Ottawa police are asking for the public's assistance to identify one of the robbery unit's most sought-after suspects. The suspect, wanted for a minimum of three robberies, is an English-speaking, right-handed, white male, 30-40 years old, five-foot-10 with a medium build and short brown hair. **METRO OTTAWA**

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What's online today.

**Video** Prime Minister Harper defends optimistic outlook on economy at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

**Blogs** Linda Lundstrom's comeback continues at Toronto Fashion Week, and Hollywood Rants about Hollywood nepotism.



### Lotteries

**Lotto 6/49:** 11, 27, 29, 33, 34 & 44. Bonus 36  
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These results are not official.

# Art can unite a nation

Festival will allow theatregoers to sample various plays

**TRACEY TONG**  
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**A friendship with Pierre Elliott Trudeau. The life and death of Edgar Allan Poe. The greatest lover in the world — in puppet form.**

Gathering playwrights and their works from across Canada, the Magnetic North Theatre Festival will make it possible for theatregoers to sample the best of the nation — without having to leave the city, the festival's artistic director said yesterday.

The seventh annual festival, which features 10 productions never seen in Ottawa, will be showcased at several venues including the National Arts Centre and Great Canadian Theatre Company from June 3 to 13.

"Arts really are Canada's most renewable resource," said Ken Cameron. "Theatre in St. John's is different from theatre in Vancouver," he said. "(The festival) makes the country just a little bit smaller."

"Events like this add to the understanding of the

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA



Magnetic North Theatre Festival artistic director Ken Cameron speaks yesterday at the launch of the event at Parliament Hill. The festival will run at several venues from June 3 to 13.

country," said NAC artistic director for English Theatre Peter Hinton.

"The festival, at its best, can put the audience backstage," said Cameron.

It can also give a different view of a well-known person.

While a student at the National Theatre School in Montreal in 1985, Brooke

Johnson met Pierre Trudeau at a gala.

"We hit it off," said the Toronto writer and performer. The two carried on a correspondence, which she drew from, along with her memories and journal entries, to write *Trudeau Stories* in 2007.

"It's a simple telling of a friendship," she said. "It's

really neat to be friends with someone who is way up there, but, of course, is a human being."

Other plays include: *Skydive*; *The Erotic Anguish of Don Juan*; *Nevermore: The Imaginary Life and Mysterious Death of Edgar Allan Poe*; *Fear of Flight*; *Eternal Hydra*; *Jake's Gift*; and *The Rideau Project*.

# Group calls for municipal election reform

Frustrated by rising property taxes spawned by what they perceive to be a lack of fear around the council table of not being re-elected, a local group is calling for municipal electoral reform.

"There is a democratic deficit at the municipal level," said Ade Olumide, spokesman for the Ottawa Taxpayer Advocacy Group. "We feel that councillors are more afraid of city staff than they are of the

taxpayer."

Municipal politicians don't have the same challenges that federal and provincial politicians have, Olumide said.

OTAG is asking the premier to examine term lim-

its for councillors, political parties at the municipal level and having councillors elected by the whole city, not just their ward.

**TIM WIECLAWSKI/**  
**METRO OTTAWA**

# Transit revenue report frustrates local BIA

**ANDREW SZTEIN**  
for Metro Ottawa



Downtown businesses in Ottawa won't be getting compensated for lost business and revenues during the recent transit strike.

A recent report ordered by city council has given a few suggestions for different tax deferrals, but the municipality is legally limited in the amount of relief it can provide local businesses.

"We're unimpressed and frustrated," said Jasna Jennings, the executive director of the ByWard Market Business Improvement Area (BIA).

"So many people suffered during the strike, and at the end of the day, it feels like they're saying, 'Too bad for you.'"

City council will convene on Monday in order to determine its next move. The report suggests deferring taxes from June 18 to Dec. 10 for the constituents of the Bank Street, Sparks Street, ByWard Market, and Rideau BIAs.

The deferrals will cost the city anywhere from \$390,000 to \$750,000 for a full tax deferral to December.

"None of the options really help the membership," said Jennings.



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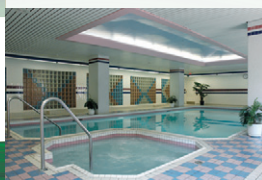
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In the latest twist in a saga that has been brewing since two auto plants in Windsor, Ont., shut down early last week, about a dozen workers occupied the Aradco plant last night. They have welded the doors shut from the inside and say they will not leave until they get what they are owed. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada



## Syrup on par with whisky

Ontario's maple syrup producers have struck liquid gold. Following four years of poor production in rival Quebec and a surge in overseas popularity, syrup prices have risen by as much as 30 per cent. As a result, a bottle of moderately priced pure maple syrup costs about the same as a bottle of another Canadian delicacy, rye whisky.

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# PM vows no GST hikes

Prime Minister Stephen Harper yesterday warned Canadians could end up paying more taxes under a different government, suggesting his opponents might reverse his rollbacks on the GST.

Harper deflected recent criticism of his government's economic policies by former Bank of Canada David Dodge, who predicted a long recession, but said Ottawa could help reverse the deficit by, for example, raising the GST by a percentage point once the economy begins to recover. "That's just wrong,"

**"We all know we have difficult circumstances."**

Stephen Harper

Harper told a Toronto press conference. He added the GST cuts — that lowered the GST from seven per cent to five per cent in two steps — were an important boost to the economy. He cited the cuts as the key reason Canada was "one of the last major economies to go into recession."

Said Harper: "Let me as-

sure you, while our opponents may favour raising the GST back up, this government will not do that."

Harper also lashed out at opposition parties for doing nothing more than criticize.

"Of course, we've had no alternative suggestions from anyone on any other course of action to take," he said.

"I think the opposition simply attacking the Canadian economy adds nothing. I mean, we all know we have difficult circumstances."

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## St. John's Chopper memorial



Prime Minister Stephen Harper arrives for a memorial service for the 17 victims of the March 22 helicopter crash at the Basilica of St. John The Baptist in St. John's, N.L., yesterday.

## Baird ponders trip to Ethiopia

**TERROR TRIAL** Federal Transport Minister John Baird, who has a large Somali population in his Ottawa West-Nepean riding, is considering going to Ethiopia on behalf of Canadian Bashir Makhtal, who is being held in jail in Addis Ababa.

But his decision hinges on what happens during a Makhtal court appearance today.

Makhtal, a Canadian citizen who lived in Toronto for close to a decade, was rendered to Ethiopia in January 2007 and has been held in prison for two years.

The Ethiopian government alleges that Makhtal is a member of a terrorist organization an allegation that Makhtal has denied.

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### News in brief

**BUS CRASH** A Montreal man was killed in a bus crash in northeast Argentina, and two other Quebecers were injured. The crash, which oc-

curred early yesterday, killed three people and injured 13. No details were available about the nationalities of the other casualties.

**ECONOMY** The Saskatchewan government has tabled a surplus budget with tax cuts and money for roads, hospitals and schools. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



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**U.S. signs on for gay rights**

The U.S., in a reversal of Bush administration policy, will sign on to a UN declaration that calls for the decriminalization of homosexuality, the State Department said. **REUTERS**

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# World

## Battle raging in Sri Lanka

More than 640 rescued, thousands trapped

**Sri Lanka's navy rescued more than 640 people who fled the island's war zone in a clutch of small boats as Tamil Tiger rebels opened fire, the military said yesterday, but tens of thousands remained trapped..**

The military has the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) cornered in 28 square kilometres of the Indian Ocean island's northeast, and is battling to deal a final blow to their 25-year separatist rebellion.

At least 18 more rebels were killed in the latest clashes in the shrinking war zone, a military official said yesterday.

The UN children's agency

### Tigers listed

• The Tigers are on U.S., EU, Canadian and Indian terrorist lists largely because of their extensive use of suicide attacks during a civil war that erupted in 1983 as a fight for a separate state for Sri Lanka's Tamil minority.

UNICEF said hundreds of children were among the 2,800 civilians who have been killed in fighting already, and warned that many more were still at risk. The government calls the figures unsubstantiated.

ed.

The United Nations said last week the Tigers were forcibly holding thousands of people inside the war zone and making them fight or build defences.

The LTTE says people are staying out of choice. Nearly 44,000 have fled so far this year, almost 5,000 of them since Saturday.

Yesterday, 643 people in 35 small boats escaped a no-fire zone after navy sailors chased away LTTE boats that were firing on them, military spokesman Brigadier Udaya Nanayakkara said. The Tigers could not be reached for comment. **REUTERS**

### Madagascar New leader



Madagascar's new president, Andry Rajoelina, greets his supporters at Antananarivo city centre yesterday after ousting Marc Ravalomanana. A deal for South Korea's Daewoo Logistics to lease more than one million hectares of Madagascar to grow food crops is off, the island's new leader said.

### News in brief

**SEAL HUNT** Russia said yesterday that it had banned the hunting of baby seals, weeks after Prime Minister Vladimir Putin called it a "bloody industry." Seals inhabit Russia's White Sea region in the Arctic. As in Canada and Norway, hunters target the fluffy baby seals

**COURTS** Josef Fritzl reversed his plea and admitted guilt on all charges yesterday after watching the daughter he locked up and raped for 24 years describe her ordeal in 11 hours of video testimony. The 73-year-old Austrian is likely to face the rest of his life behind bars.

**RELIGION** The Vatican yesterday defended Pope Benedict's opposition to the use of condoms to stop the spread of AIDS as scientists and politicians criticized it as unrealistic and dangerous. Benedict, in Africa, said on Tuesday that condoms "increase" AIDS. **REUTERS**

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# Comment & Views

## Comment

# Putting love on layaway

## Relating

Steve Collins

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I've always been leery of the contingency proposal, that semi-joking suggestion made, perhaps to a friend or an ex or someone else fondly regarded but deemed unfit for current consumption, "Hey, if we both turn 40 and neither of us is married, we should hook up."

Something always struck me as somewhat insulting about this arrangement, which is generally floated when 40 seems a long way off. In that distant future, the reasoning goes, the fear of dying alone might overcome the just-friends failure of chemistry, the countervailing fear of tanking a friendship or whatever

er else is keeping the so-called couple from coupling right now.

If it's not a left-handed compliment, it's certainly an ambidextrous one. The equivalent of saying we have so much in common that you just might be the one for me, but you come second to everyone else in the world I haven't met yet. So I'll keep your resumé on file. If nobody good shows up, you're in!

As a rule, any wrinkle of relationship behaviour that actually appeared in an episode of *Friends* (as I believe this did) should be viewed with great suspicion as a stunt to be tried at home. Is not marry-

ing really so unthinkable?

But a few friends of mine have said this to one another, however frivolously, and eventually 40 beckons from less impossibly far away.

Discussions occurred recently between two of these friends. It wouldn't

be appropriate to air these sensitive negotiations in the media. (I already feel a little wrong about exploiting them for a column, but a deadline's a deadline.) Let's call

them, for the sake of our continued friendship, uh, "him" and "her."

Both are successful and attractive, not obviously deformed in character or dragging any disproportionate

load of disappointments. This is no nostalgic Facebook booty call from a half-remembered high school acquaintance. They just can't seem to dismiss the idea of each other as the one that maybe got away.

They've remained uncommonly close over the years, and commiserated as things didn't work out with other people. Did the constant presence of such a close, and oppositely sexed, friend play a role in all that not working out with the others? It's possible.

The irony in a relationship so much thought about and never consummated is that as years go by, it can seem a bigger and bigger deal. What was supposed to be a nice safe backup plan now seems emotionally perilous itself.

It's always going to take a leap, no matter how long you perch at the edge.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.

## Views

# Women should seize the power of choice

## InStep

Christine Williams

International Women's Day fuelled countless followup discussion forums about women's liberation.

A couple of them grabbed my attention: the Vatican singling out the washing machine as the greatest liberator, and given this year's IWD anti-violence theme, the disclosure that Rihanna reunited with Chris Brown after an alleged beating. She was called a poor role model. Women face a myriad of choices and it's a great travesty when we fail to appreciate the power of choice. Ann Coulter's rendition of the single-mom

curse in her latest controversial book: "Guilty" crudely highlighted this.

In it, she condemns the modern portrayal of the single unwed mother as the innocent, perennial victim, denouncing them for foisting a host of costly social ills upon society.

Although, many of Coulter's foes would take fiendish delight in imagining her burnt at the stake, there is a message to decipher in her acrid approach to confronting the poignant social malady of single motherhood: the misuse of the power of choice.

The choices North American women have today came at great toil and we have reason to celebrate the history of our sisterhood. Women were key players in the 19th century

abolitionist movement. The first organizers for women's rights started by working perilously with black women who had escaped slavery and wanted to learn how to read and write. Yet it was a momentous display of unity for the rights of all women. In 1848, the Declaration of Sentiments was finally ratified, proclaiming men and women to be created equal, giving women legal, social and voting rights.

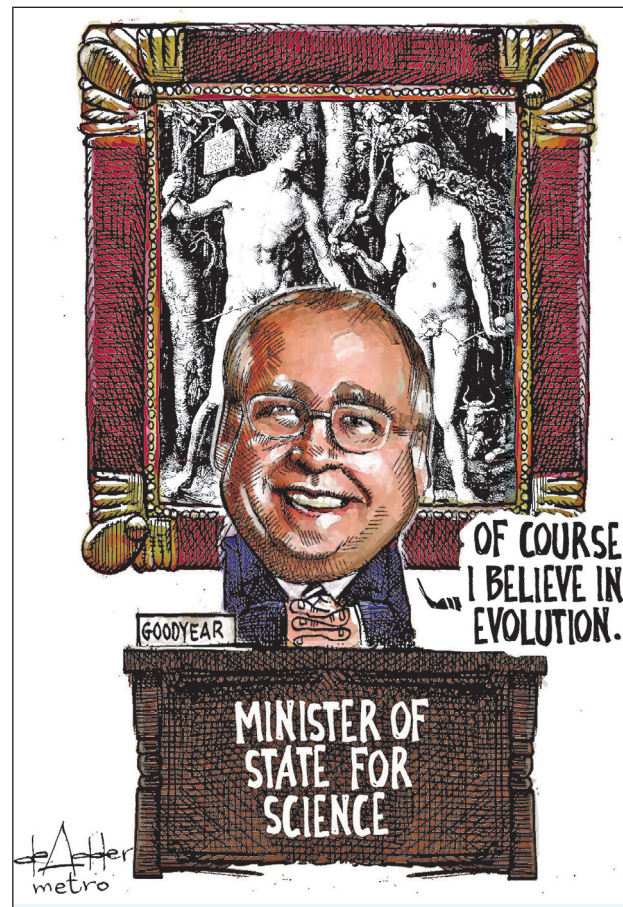
We've come a long way baby, because now we can choose. Recently, I was horrified when an older lady called our talk show — On the Line — to say that she stayed with an abusive husband for decades because one church leader

told her to. We delude and denigrate ourselves by allowing others to define our self worth, including celebrities like Rihanna.

Young women's role models were meant to be those of their own household. If it's a dysfunctional one, the cycle must end somewhere. There is help for those willing to reach out from beneath the veneers of pain and pretexts in a genuine search for wholeness.

No physical invention, including the washing machine — or even law — can free someone from the shackles of the mind. Such advancements however provide opportunity that we should never take for granted: the opportunity of choice.

Christine Williams is the producer and host of the live current affairs daily talk show On the Line at CTS TV in Burlington, Ont.



## Quote of the Day

**"We have got to be finding ways to get (handguns) off the streets, not handing them out as prizes,"**

— Liberal MP Mark Holland responding to the news a gun lobby dinner is raffling off tickets to win a Beretta semi-automatic handgun.

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## Worth Mentioning

# What's blowin' in the wind?

Bob Dylan has sung about wind many times — winds of change, the "Idiot Wind," and the winds that hit heavy on the borderline.

But some of his California neighbours Tuesday were singing a new tune about what is blowin' in the wind from his Malibu toilet.

A family living near the 67-year-old folk and rock icon's house in the posh California beachside com-

munity of Malibu have complained to city officials about an outdoor portable toilet used by people on the compound.

Cindy and David Em-minger say the toilet wafts fumes from waste treatment chemicals, and that the smell carried by breezes from the Pacific Ocean has made their family feel ill.

A spokesman for Dylan did not return calls on his toilet.

REUTERS

## Metro Online Poll Results

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**AIG weighing sale of Manhattan headquarters**

A spokesman for American International Group Inc. says the company is considering the sale of its downtown Manhattan headquarters "to maximize operating efficiency." **REUTERS**

# Business

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## CBC OK's budget

### Layoffs, asset sales still possible amid struggles

**Asset sales and layoffs are still on the table at the CBC after the public broadcaster's board of directors approved its budget for the next 12 months, a CBC spokesman said yesterday.**

Spokesman Marco Dube wouldn't comment further, but added that the broadcaster plans to make a more detailed announcement to its employees before the end of the month.

The CBC, like other media companies, has struggled

### Numbers

- The CBC receives more than \$1 billion in government funding a year. Aside from this, the CBC generates about \$600 million a year from commercial activities, including \$340 million from advertising.

gled with a sharp drop in advertising revenue as the recession forces marketers

to slash spending.

To cope with the weak ad market, the CBC is looking at a wide swath of options, from selling radio and television assets to adding more American TV programming to its schedule and consolidating local stations.

Airing ads on the CBC's radio services is not being considered, Dube said.

Layoffs are expected to be part of any cost-cutting plan at the CBC. **REUTERS**

### Madoff accountant charged with fraud

**WALL STREET** An accountant for confessed swindler Bernard Madoff's firm was charged with fraud yesterday after authorities said



David Friehling

he pretended to audit the company that cheated thousands in Wall Street's biggest investment scheme.

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission says that David Friehling, 49, and his firm "did not perform anything remotely resembling an audit" of Madoff's money-management firm or try to confirm that stocks that Madoff had purportedly bought for customers even existed. **REUTERS**

## Ontario launches tech fund

**CAPITAL** The Ontario government announced a plan worth more than \$200 million yesterday to drive investment into emerging technology companies amid a credit-market crunch that has made it tough to raise venture capital.

A government spokeswoman said the initiative will target companies in the clean technology, life sciences, and digital media and communications technology sectors.

News of the plan comes about a month after a report that found that fi-

### Investment

- Last year a total of \$1.3 billion in venture capital was invested, down from \$2.1 billion in 2007, according to a report by Canada's Venture Capital and Private Equity Association and Thomson Reuters.

nancing activity in Canada's venture-capital market dropped to its lowest level in 12 years in 2008 as the economic downturn choked the flow of funds to small startup companies. **REUTERS**

### Business in brief

**TECH** IBM is in talks to buy Sun Microsystems Inc., sources with knowledge of the matter said, a move that could bolster the tech giant against rivals in

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The Chicago Cubs will honour Ferguson Jenkins and Greg Maddux by retiring the No. 31 jersey worn by the two pitchers, the Major League Baseball club announced. Both Jenkins and Maddux claimed Cy Young honours for the Cubs. **REUTERS**

# Sports

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## Sports in brief

**NFL** Arizona Cardinals quarterback Kurt Warner has undergone surgery on his left hip but is expected to be fit enough to take part in most of the team's off-season.

**NFL** The Baltimore Ravens chose youth over experience yesterday by signing free-agent cornerback Chris Carr and releasing veteran Samari Rolle. **REUTERS**

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## Vancouver gets MLS team

Ottawa still in running, along with St. Louis, Portland

**Vancouver won the nod yesterday to join Major League Soccer, a move officials said demonstrates that the league can continue to grow in North America despite the economic crisis.**

The Whitecaps, the reigning first division champion of the United Soccer Leagues, will become the MLS's 17th team in 2011, and a league official said the league could announce an 18th team as soon as the end of the week.

Commissioner Don Garber said the 13-year-old MLS, which is North America's top soccer league, remains financially strong despite the "trying times" the economic slowdown



Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber, second from left, poses with Whitecaps fans after announcing a 2011 expansion franchise for Vancouver.

has caused for professional sports around the globe.

"As long as we can get through this economy, as with every American and Canadian business, I think

we will emerge stronger, particularly when you have new investors coming in with teams 17 and 18," Garber said.

"Our business model is

very economically sound," he said.

Vancouver will pay \$35 million (all figures US) to join the league, down from \$40 million the league had reportedly been asking for, but \$5 million above what Seattle paid when it won the fight to join the league this season.

Miami and Atlanta were bidding to join the MLS, but pulled out over ownership and stadium issues. That leaves Ottawa, St. Louis and Portland, Ore., still in the running. Philadelphia joins the league in 2010.

Garber said Ottawa still had to resolve issues about where its team would play.

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**Sony to launch 8MP camera phone**

Sony Ericsson is betting heavily on camera phones in the United States this year, hoping its C905 eight-megapixel camera phone will convince consumers to buy a new phone or replace digital cameras. **REUTERS**

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# Tech Now



## Big money

For a small product, it's a big business. In the U.S. alone, over 20 million headphones were sold in 2008. That's up 11 per cent, while earbud sales rose 32 per cent.

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# Headphones go high tech, custom

From fashion to function, manufacturers are tapping into niche markets

## TechNow



**Paul Brent**

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**Are you sitting on a bus reading this while listening to music? For some people, wearing headphones is a way to avoid having to talk to anyone, and for others, top-quality portable music devices have brought a new age of headphones.**

Launched just a week ago, the latest iPod Shuffle is so tiny the controls had to be added to the head-

phone cord ... and the device can still tell you with a voice circuit what song you're listening to. It was the iPod which began the rebirth of headphones.

One of the new players gaining ground is Ifrogz of Utah. They are just launching at retail in Canada but their website is really all you need. At ifrogz.com, you can not only order headphones or earbuds, you can customize them.

I spoke with Ken Wuthrich, ifrogz's product and creative director at the CES show in Las Vegas in January. He said they can offer 200,000 combinations of components, colours and art

work on your headphones. He says customization is where it's at ... especially with young people, who want their 'phones to look different from everyone else's but don't demand studio sound quality.

Ifrogz is going after a space dominated by Skullcandy. Just five

years old, the firm is racking up explosive growth by going after the action sports crowd (snowboarding, skateboarding etc.) who want headphones that make a fashion statement — plain white buds from iPod just don't cut it.

In another part of the market, Turtle Beach headphones are carving

out a market with headphones built just for video gamers. With the rise of online gaming where you talk to other gamers, and with game sound a crucial part of play, gamers are buying the headphones and telling the company the 'phones make them better players.

Out of Montreal, Sonomax produces custom-fit earbuds for the music industry and everyday users. The design aims to shut out all outside noise so you hear only what you want to hear.

What's next? Headphones without wires. In 2008, Klear, an Ottawa firm, partnered with Sennheiser, a vet-

eran audio firm, to bring to market the world's first wireless headphones using Klear's technology.

## Website of the week

**gigatribe.com**

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## Stay tuned

This Sunday, Tech Now will shine the spotlight on the search for life in space.

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## Spring BBQ tips

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# Living through the muck

Spring may be the harbinger of nicer weather, but with it comes mud

HomeScape

**Sylvia Putz**



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Spring is on its way. But before we get there, we'll need to contend with mud, rain and wet snow. And that means we'll need to expend energy and time trying to keep mud out of our homes.

But no discussion dealing with mud is complete until you consider those who revel in mud, those who would wallow in it given the first opportunity. Hogs? Maybe, but hogs generally stay outside of houses. No, I was thinking of your average kid.

Kids love mud. They'll carry it into your house not only on their boots, but on their hands, on their butts or knees if they happen to fall into the slush, on their elbows, or in their hair, and on their faces. There is an astounding variety of mud games — paint yourself with mud, get stuck in the mud, make mud pies, build mud dams, slide down fast-melting muddy ice piles. I remember playing with some gusto some of those



If you have kids, at this time of year be warned that they most certainly will come home and try to track mud throughout your house.

games myself.

But unfortunately, as an adult, it also brings something much less pleasant: Cleaning chores. At this time of year, the jumble of muddy boots by the door, sitting in a puddle of melting dirty slush, is a depressingly common sight. And then there are the coats, mud-smearred and haphazardly slung over the post at the bottom of the stairs. And wait, what is that pile lying in the slush? The coats that have fallen off the post, naturally. And those muddy footprints leading from the

slush pile to other parts of the house?

It's enough to put me in a dark mood, to say the least!

To keep your sanity, remember that the muddy season is temporary. But while it's here, here are some hints to make your life easier:

- First of all, remember to place mats both inside and outside the door of the main entry, and consider a boot scraper if you live near a major mud zone, such as near construction, or messy road repairs;

- Keep a broom near the entry door to periodically clear away the dirt that may otherwise get tracked into the house;

- If you have an older home without much closet space, keep the front entrance area tidy and uncluttered. If you've only got a little space, a closed wardrobe can work wonderfully, as can a series of attractive storage boxes. Or, consider building a small closet area near the front door but hidden from view. I've seen a very successful coat and boot storage built under the

stairs to the second story, or on the landing of the stairs going to the basement;

- Keep boot trays underneath boots in the boot storage area. These will contain muddy water, and can be easily cleaned when necessary;

- If you've got too many coats and jackets to fit into the front entrance area, consider splitting the clothing and boots and storing some at the front and some at a side or back door area. For example, good coats and boots can be kept at the front of the

## Some other ideas

- Include a bench in your mud room or entry area. That way, boots and shoes can be comfortably removed and taken to their storage area. Consider combining a bench with a storage area, perhaps as a series of closed boxes (one for each member of the family) with upholstered tops.
- Include waterproof slippers and socks near the bench, so no one has to walk through the wet area.
- Include a place for old towels so that wet and muddy messes can be wiped, plus a rack to dry towels and wet articles of clothing.
- A tall planter can be a lovely accent and a great place to store umbrellas.

—SYLVIA PUTZ

house in a wardrobe, while everyday or children's clothing can be kept on hooks and shelves at the side or back door;

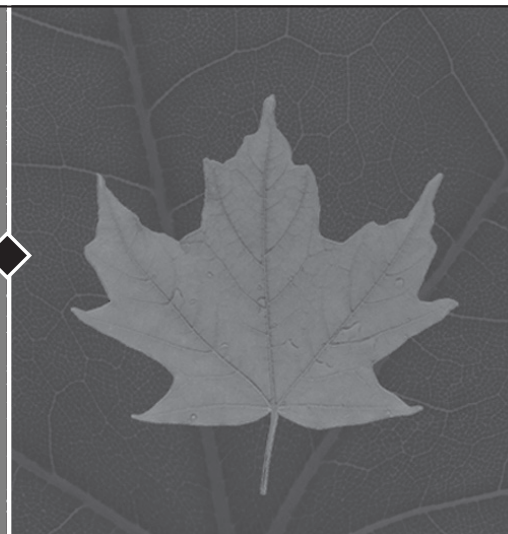
- Of course, the best case scenario is a mud room that has lots of room to store coats, boots, scarves, and sports equipment. Open lockers, one for each member of the family, with hooks and shelves are a great idea. And be sure to finish the floor in a surfacing that hides dirt and can take moisture and lots of cleaning. If you're building or renovating, combining the mud room with the laundry area and a sink makes a lot of sense.

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# Entertaining on a dime

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**Even without valet service, waiters or laminated menus, your home can be the perfect dinner destination.**

"It's possible to entertain guests without breaking the bank," said Corbin Tomaszewski, executive chef at Holt's Café, speaking at the National Home Show.

Taking the stage with Cheryl Torrenueva, fellow host of HGTV's Restaurant Makeover, the duo showed the audience in Toronto how to plan a classy affair with limited funds.

## Look like a big spender

With less money, your table can still look like a million bucks. Swanky-looking supplies can be found at bargain basement prices.

"If it doesn't look expensive, don't touch it," said Torrenueva who visited a dollar store for plastic wine flutes instead of crystal ones.

## Prep for success

Budgets aren't just for



Hosts of HGTV's Restaurant Makeover Cheryl Torrenueva and Corbin Tomaszewski offer some tips on how to entertain at home with your wallet in mind.

bank accounts. When throwing a soiree, time is of the essence.

## Serve with style

Forget champagne fountains and five-piece bands. When throwing a fancy fete, it's the little things that count.

"Whether it's with a

garnish, place cards or napkin rings — just put some effort into details," said Torrenueva.

Serve dinner on square plates, she suggested. The unconventional shape is a chic and cost-effective way to enhance dinner.

## Stimulate the senses

Conversation isn't the only thing guests should participate in. Setting atmosphere at a dinner party involves engaging all five senses.

"When putting a dish together, look at texture, colour and aroma," said Tomaszewski, warning not to use scented candles, the smell might overpower the meal.

## Choose forgiving food

Culinary rookies can still hold a dinner party without the threat of a botched meal.

"Make dishes that are forgiving," said Tomaszewski, suggesting prime-rib and salmon. "The higher the fat content the longer you can cook it without it drying out."

## Pick crowd-pleasers

While guests might not always agree with your gourmet experiments, some dinner party staples never go out of style.

"You can get some really decent wine for \$10," said Tomaszewski. "I try to refrain from the ones in the shape of a cat or in a box."

## Make it personal

• Custom playlists, place cards and individual floral arrangements are amongst many ways a large gathering can be-

come more intimate. Dinner parties are enjoyable when hosts key into their guests' interests.

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# Style



## Jacobs leads CFDA noms

June 15 could end up being a big night for Marc Jacobs judging by the number of Council of Fashion Designers of America awards he's up for that night. He's up against Narciso Rodriguez and Rodarte's Kate and Laura Mulleavy for the Women's Wear Designer of the Year prize in addition to his nomination for Accessory Designer of the Year. He'll also be honored with the International Award for his track record at Louis Vuitton.

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# Guys still call the shots in fashion

## Canada's top designers a 'band of brothers'

**Why do most of Canada's top designers pee standing up? The answer is obvious — because they're men.**

It was hard not to notice at a Holt Renfrew event this week designed specifically to showcase the best in Canadian fashion design that, apart from the models, there wasn't a woman among them.

The retailer's vaunted group of six included Montrealer Denis Gagnon, rising star Jeremy Laing, workaholic Mikhael Kale, menswear dynamo Philip Sparks and the creative duo behind Greta Constantine — Kirk Pickersgill and Stephen Wong. The event was meant to kick off Toronto Fashion Week, where, incidentally, just a third of designers showing

are women. Even Holts' boys club is bewildered by the dearth of female talent.

"We were just saying, 'Oh my God, we're all boys!'" Kale notes. "It's like the band of brothers, you know."

Kale, who says he works on three and a half hours of sleep a night, notes he has few responsibilities outside of his sewing studio, which is where he lives. He's not married and does not own a pet.

"No spouse, no kids, no time!" he says. "Have you seen the garments? The de-

tail is insane!"

So what do these successful, youngish men possess that their female counterparts lack?

**"A lot of my female contemporaries who are designing clothes, they're sort of their own muse. It becomes a bit more centralized around who they are as opposed to a larger audience."**

Designer David Dixon

Veteran David Dixon, who's designed a collection of women's clothing inspired by Barbie for the Bay, offers another theory.

"The approach is different, I think, between male and female designers," he says. "A lot of my female contemporaries who are designing clothes, they're sort of their own muse. It becomes a bit more centralized around who they are as opposed to a larger audience."

For an industry so stereotypically feminine, it seems surprisingly sexist.



Clockwise from top left: designers Kirk Pickersgill, Mikhael Kale, Stephen Wong, Philip Sparks, Jeremy Laing and Denis Gagnon.

Designer Judy Cornish, who created the successful label Comrags 25 years ago with Joyce Gunhouse, has her suspicions.

"Is there a bias in the business community about who can go the distance?" Cornish wonders. "If you're going to back someone, are you going to back someone who's going to have chil-

dren, bow out and quit?"

So does it really come down to maternal clocks and who functions best when sleep-deprived?

Jeremy Laing, who designs for princesses in Saudi Arabia, professionals in Hong Kong and girls in Dallas, doesn't think so. He has a spouse and a pet.

For him, success is know-

ing what sells. "I try to think of a lot of different kinds of women in a lot of different kinds of places to make sure that I'm not sacrificing accessibility for a kind of gay runway fantasy," he says. "Now, especially with the dictates of the economy, is not the time for that."

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## All dolled up and ready for the runway

**FASHION WEEK** Toronto designer David Dixon opened Toronto Fashion Week with a preview of his own signature line for fall, followed by a 40-piece Barbie by David Dixon collection that went on display this week in downtown Toronto's flagship Bay store.

"These are clothes Barbie would wear today," chief executive officer of

the Bay Bonnie Brooks says of the collection that opened with a cool pink empire coat and went on to include suits and sharp cocktail dresses.

Dixon's Barbie col-

lection included black and white houndstooth dresses that commanded a figure like Barbie's to carry off.

The limited-edition collection will be available for sale in September, and will retail for between \$300 and \$1,100.

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Left: A strapless dress from the Barbie by David Dixon collection.



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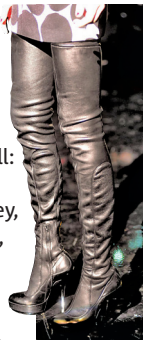
# Modelling for heart health

Models in this year's Toronto Heart Truth fashion show included Natalie Brown, Cassie Campbell, Arisa Cox, Monika Deol, Rosey Edeh, Jennifer Hedger, Cathy Jones, Sass Jordan, Erin Karpluk, Lisa LaFlamme, Elaine Lui, Monika Schnarre, Amy Sky and Kreesha Turner. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## The most dominant fall '09 trends

### 1 THIGH HIGH BOOTS

These were everywhere, adding a bit of sex (always a big seller) to fall: Louis Vuitton, Stella McCartney, Roberto Cavalli, Chloe, Prada, Rodarte, Gucci, and the list goes on and on.



### 2 FUR

Not sure how PETA let this happen, but animal skin will be all the rage for autumn. It came in electric colors at Thakoon and Dolce & Gabbana, and in oversized proportions at Burberry and Matthew Williamson, just to name a few examples.



### 3 THE POWER SUIT

As more women think about job interviews in the face of layoffs or returning to work after a life of leisure, designers from Donna Karan to Alber Elbaz aimed to provide them with the wardrobe items they'll need.



-KENYA HUNT/METRO WORLD NEWS

## Bottoms up to fashion

Harper's wife gets mooned by Heart Truth show model

**The tiny butcher cop from Corner Gas mooned the prime minister's wife earlier this week in a historic moment for Canadians.**

"I'm so excited!" Lauren Harper exclaimed. "It's my first (Toronto) fashion show."

Wearing a Sunny Choi pantsuit and bright red lipstick, Harper joined hundreds of other stylish guests at LG Fashion Week for theHeart Truth Fashion Show, sponsored by the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada and the Canadian fashion industry.

The event which featured 20 celebrity "models" wearing red dresses by Canada's top designers. But it was the actress Tara Spencer-Nairn who may have made the biggest impression of the night.

Skipping down the runway in a flirty, peasant-style frock by Damzels in this Dress, Spencer-Nairn struck a pose that left little to the imagination.

Her decision to wear racy black bloomers with her garter-belt stockings was last minute.

"I said, 'I'm gonna bring the bloomers just in case I fall because I don't want to, you know, scare anybody with a bare bottom,'" Spencer-Nairn explained during a private reception after the show.

The decision to moon the audience came on a dare from her fellow models, including the comedian Jessica Holmes, former Olympic figure skater Eliz-

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Actress Tara Spencer-Nairn showed off more than expected at Toronto Fashion Week's Heart Truth show.

abeth Manley, radio personality Marilyn Denis and the actress Sitara Hewitt of Little Mosque on the Prairie.

Did Spencer-Nairn know Harper would be in the front row?

You bet she did. Spencer-Nairn shook her hand before the lights went down.

"Awww, come on! It doesn't matter who's in the audience," she says. "Prime minister's wife or no prime minister's wife, you're gonna see my booty."

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# Food

**For healthy baking, add dried fruit, such as dates, figs, dried cranberries, apricots, and raisins to increase the fibre content.**

BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA



## Sweet

At the same time, use these fruits' natural sweetness to replace some of the sugar in a recipe.

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### Liquid Assets

**Peter Rockwell**



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### Spring flings

**B**reak out the fancy stemware; tomorrow is the first day of spring so, at least according to the calendar, we can officially raise a glass to the end of winter.

In whites, the juice from the viognier and tarrantés grapes make for great late March drinking as does Old World riesling. The **2005 Lingenfelder Estate Bird Label Riesling (\$16.98 - \$18.99)** is a well-rounded sipper from Germany's Pfalz region. Distinctively off-dry, it has a universal appeal.

Turning to reds, those from France's Beaujolais and Italy's Valpolicella regions are ideal for laidback contemplation. A great alternative are wines made with the grenache grape — especially in a blend à la Down Under. The **2007 Rosemount Estates Diamond Cellars Grenache Shiraz (\$12.95 - \$15.96)** is a relaxing Aussie with a flowing trail of cranberry fruit that makes you wish it was warm enough to lounge out on your back deck.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

### À la carte

**Barb Holland**



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**Healthy baking is possible. Here is one of my favourite muffin recipes, along with some tips to increase fibre, reduce fat and calories. Not to mention, enjoy fresh home-baked flavour and freshness.**

#### Orange Date Muffins

These are loaded with fibre and they taste good too. Look for soft-pitted dates in the produce section rather than the firm pressed dates in the baking aisle. Makes 12 muffins.

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml)

- whole-wheat flour
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) brown sugar
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) baking powder
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- 1 orange, with peel, cut into pieces (remove seeds)
- 1 cup (250 ml) pitted dates
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) buttermilk
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) canola oil
- 1 egg

#### METHOD:

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Line a muffin pan with non-stick baking cups or spray with nonstick spray.

In medium bowl, combine flour, brown sugar, baking powder, soda and salt.

Toss orange, dates, buttermilk, oil and egg in blender and process until oranges and dates are well chopped (you want some



Alter muffin recipes to make them lower fat, higher fibre.

texture). Stir into dry mixture just until blended.

Scoop or spoon batter into muffins cups. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool pan on wire rack 5 minutes. Remove muffins from pan to cool completely.

#### Healthy Baking Tips:

- Increase the fibre and nutritional content by using whole wheat flour, which contains bran. To make it whole grain, use either stone ground whole wheat or try adding 2 tbsp (30 ml) wheat germ to each 1 cup (250 ml) of regular whole wheat flour. If adapting a favourite recipe, begin by replacing half the amount of all-purpose flour with whole wheat flour. If that works well, next time try all whole-wheat flour.
- Use heart-healthy canola oil which has the least amount of saturated fat and a very mild flavour. Canola oil can be used in muffins, cakes and cookies. In a muffin recipe, reduce the amount of oil in your recipe to 1/4 cup (60 ml) and use low fat ingredients such as applesauce, mashed banana, juice, yogurt, buttermilk (1%), low fat or skim milk to replace the remaining oil and liquid.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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Canadian Living magazine is on sale now!

### Canadian Living recipe of the month

## Pasta with Green Beans, Potatoes and Pesto

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 8 oz (250 g) green beans, halved crosswise
- 10 oz (300 g) penne rigate pasta
- 10 oz (300 g) mini red-skinned potatoes, scrubbed and quartered
- Pesto:**
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) toasted pine nuts
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 1 cup (250 ml) packed fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
- Pinch pepper

#### METHOD:

In large pot of boiling salted water, cook green beans until tender-crisp, about 4 minutes. With slotted spoon, transfer to bowl.

In same pot of boiling

water, cook pasta until al dente, about 10 minutes. Drain and return to pot, reserving 1/2 cup (125 ml) of the cooking liquid.

Meanwhile, in separate saucepan of boiling salted water, cover and cook potatoes until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain well.

**Pesto:** Meanwhile, in food processor, pulse together pine nuts, Parmesan cheese and garlic until

smooth. Add basil, oil, salt and pepper; pulse until smooth. Add to pasta.

Add green beans, potatoes and reserved cooking liquid; stir to coat.

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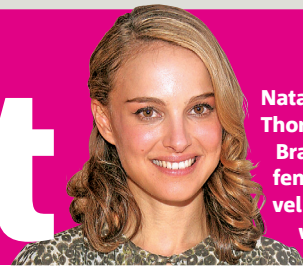


**Ricci ready to marry**

Christina Ricci is set to tie the knot. The actress recently became engaged to her boyfriend, actor Owen Benjamin, her rep confirmed to Us Weekly. Ricci and Benjamin have been dating publicly since November. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

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# Entertainment

**Top choice**

Natalie Portman is set to appear in Thor. She is director Kenneth Branagh's top choice to play the female lead in the upcoming Marvel blockbuster about the Norse warrior god. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

## MSTRKRFT drops new beats

**MSTRKRFT**

**Album:** Fist of God  
**Label:** Last Gang/Universal  
**Rating:** ●●●●

**MSTRKRFT HAVE**

**LEARNED** a thing or two since they released their 2006 debut. Most importantly, the Toronto-based dance duo ditched their obnoxious vocoder in favour of guest artists including Ghostface Killah and John Legend. Thankfully, the group retained their synth-heavy club beats and hyperactive charm, but it's still not enough to transform these guys into world class DJs. The problem lies in precisely what makes them so interesting — nearly every song works well on its own, but about halfway through the disc the fre-

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netic keys and blistering drums get repetitive. It's a decent listen, but they're not done learning yet.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

**Attack In Black**

**Album:** Years (by one thousand finger tips)  
**Label:** Dinealone Records  
**Rating:** ●●●●

**ATTACK IN BLACK'S** Marriage was an album that deserved a lot more praise than it got. The Welland, Ont., band's brand of high energy guitar rock was perhaps too melodic, too catchy, to win the hearts of the in-crowd. Rightly or wrongly, Attack In Black has changed direc-



Fist of God is the latest album from Toronto-based dance duo MSTRKRFT.

tions in its ambitious new 16-track CD, Years (by one thousand fingertips), sounding more like a Toronto alt-country band of poets than the little brothers of Alex-

isonfire. It's almost as if the band just discovered '70s-era Neil Young. (listen to the song Birmingham). Which, of course, is not a bad thing, especially if you have the

chops to pull it off. Attack In Black definitely does. Hopefully, the band realizes that the "in-crowd" never really did matter.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

**Bishop Allen**

**Album:** GRRR...  
**Label:** Dead Oceans  
**Rating:** ●●●●

**IF TV AND** movies have done anything lately, it's introduce the masses to great indie rock (Death Cab and OC, The Shins and Garden State). Will Brooklyn's Bishop Allen, who had a cameo in Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist, find Hollywood-initiated success? Not if their third album is any indication. While it's a pleasant indie pop listen, it's not meaty enough to resonate in a major way. That said, fans of light, infectious choruses and easy-to-sing lyrics will want to give it a spin. It's a solid summer disc, but not much more than that.

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**Willie Nelson**

**Album:** Naked Willie  
**Label:** RCA/Sony  
**Rating:** ●●●●

**OKAY, WE** know that Willie had some bad experiences in Nashville during the '60s. He wasn't your typical countrypolitan sort of singer. The lush orchestration and treacly background singers didn't



sort his kind of music. So the idea for this album seems like a sound one — strip away all the frills from some those recordings and we'll have the Willie we've come to know and love. Well, yes and no. There are some wonderful moments here like the heartbreakers Happiness Lives Next Door, The Party's Over and I Just Dropped By. There's also his remarkable rendition of the early Kris Kristofferson masterpiece, Sunday

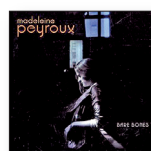
Morning Coming Down and his unabashed protest against the Vietnam War, Jimmy's Road. But there's also the lame Where Do You Stand, the Mac-the-Knife-like Bring Me Sunshine and the ridiculous Johnny One Time. This would have been a much better album pared down from 17 to 12 tracks. If you want to hear the real "naked" Willie, search for an album called Crazy: Demo Sessions.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

**Madeleine Peyroux**

**Album:** Bare Bones  
**Label:** Rounder  
**Rating:** ●●●●

**MADELEINE PEYROUX'S** FIRST three albums established her as some sort of second coming of Billy Holiday. And no doubt her fans would have been happy if she continued singing well-



mined nuggets from the past or inspired interpretations of Leonard Cohen. But here Peyroux proves that she can also write a beautiful song — with the help of masters like Walter Becker (Steely Dan) and producer Larry Klein (Joni Mitchell). Although the music sounds familiar, it wouldn't be fair to write these 11 originals off as "more of the same." There is a depth to this songwriting that should be savoured. There are

lyrical passages here on almost every song that are worthy of Cohen. And the musical accompaniment is what we've come to expect ... brilliant. Serve with candlelight and wine.

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# Natasha Richardson dies after ski accident

**ACCIDENT** Award-winning actress Natasha Richardson, a member of Britain's Redgrave acting dynasty, died yesterday at age 45 after a suffering a severe injury in a skiing accident in Quebec earlier this week.

Richardson had been hospitalized in New York since Tuesday, surrounded by her husband, actor Liam Neeson, her two sons Michael, 13, and Daniel Jack, 12, and members of her immediate family.

"Liam Neeson, his sons, and the entire family are shocked and devastated by the tragic death of their beloved Natasha. They are profoundly grateful for the support, love and prayers of everyone, and ask for privacy during this very difficult time," family spokesman Alan Nierob said in a statement.

Richardson followed her mother, Oscar winner Vanessa Redgrave, and her father, film director Tony Richardson, into a career on stage and screen in England and the U.S. She won



Actress Natasha Richardson appears at a New York gala in this Jan. 31, 2008 file photo.

Broadway's Tony Award for her role in the musical Cabaret.

Richardson was injured on Monday when she fell during a private ski lesson at the Mont Tremblant resort, about 120 kilometres north of Montreal.

A spokeswoman for the resort said she appeared to be in good condition after the fall but her instructor called a ski patrol to take her to the bottom of the hill. About an hour later,

she complained of severe headaches and was admitted to a local medical facility before eventually being transferred to the Lenox Hill Hospital in New York.

Several media reports said she had suffered a severe head trauma, but that could not be immediately confirmed. Nierob's statement did not mention a cause of death.

Richardson was born in London in May 1963, and she trained at the city's prestigious Central School of Speech and Drama.

She was perhaps best known worldwide for film roles that included playing a young Lindsay Lohan's mother in the 1998 remake of The Parent Trap and for her role in the romantic comedy Maid in Manhattan.

Richardson's sister is the Nip/Tuck star Joely Richardson and she is the granddaughter of the late British actor Sir Michael Redgrave and the niece of actors Lynn and Corin Redgrave.

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## critics' corner

### Know Your Mushrooms

Ron Mann ("Grass," "Tales of the Rat Fink") applies his cheeky filmmaking style to the fungus among us with this documentary, which is packed full of fun facts about mushrooms — from the mundane to the magic kind — and the people who love them. Centered around an annual festival of fungi in Colorado, it introduces such colorful figures as Larry Evans, the "Indiana Jones of mushrooms." 9 PM on 40 BVO



### Ancient Discoveries

Dark ages, indeed! For those who think humankind didn't get it together until the turn of the 20th century, this series has lots of surprises. It reveals that many so-called "modern" inventions were conceived hundreds or even thousands of years ago. Among the clues: ancient Egyptian drawings of helicopters and a 600-year-old Italian design for a gunpowder-powered "rocket car." Robots? Meet the third-century inventor of the mechanical maid. 1 PM on 55 HIS

## Marvel inks deal for online games

**GAMING** Marvel Entertainment and Gazillion Entertainment have struck a licensing deal to develop massively multiplayer on-line games based on Marvel characters. The first game in development is a casual MMO title for younger audiences based on Marvel's Super Hero Squad property.

## Lucas moves into Melrose Place

**TELEVISION** Cloverfield star Jessica Lucas has landed a lead role on the CW's new Melrose Place. She will play Melrose Place resident Riley Richmond, a wealthy and beautiful 24-year-old who works as an inner-city elementary school teacher engaged to Jonah (Michael Rady).

## Salma in talks for Sandler comedy

**FILM** Salma Hayek is in negotiations to play Adam Sandler's wife on the big screen. The untitled Columbia Pictures comedy also stars Kevin James, Chris Rock, Rob Schneider and David Spade in a story of five best friends from high school who reunite over a holiday weekend.

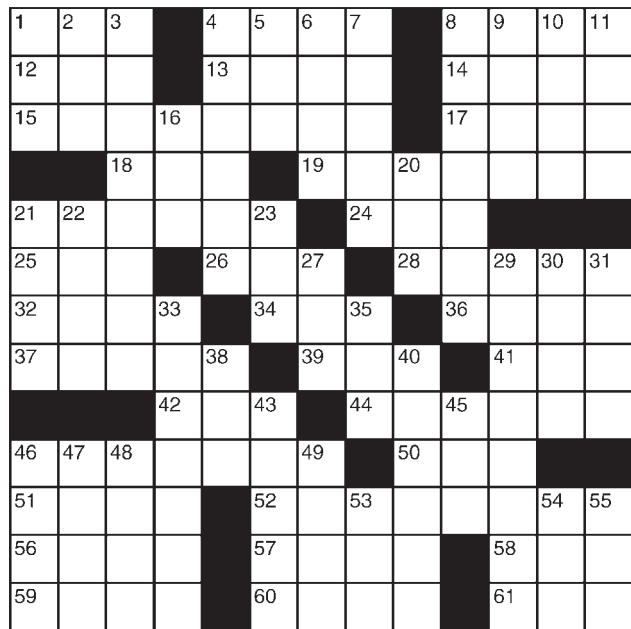
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## Take Five



### Crossword across

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| 13 Do as you're told          | 28 Cunning        | Ambrose              |
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| 15 Crony                      | 34 Sailor         | 57 Verifiable        |
| 17 Oft-dunked treat           | 36 Baby carriage  | 58 Pooch             |
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| 19 Actress' cameo role, maybe | 39 Rose, at first | invaders             |
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| 24 Seek                       | 42 Started        | 61 Green, in a sense |
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### Crossword down

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| 2 "The Greatest"       | 30 Stromboli spillage          |
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| 5 Sapporo sash         | 35 Clear the tables            |
| 6 Walesa of Poland     | 38 Conger, for one             |
| 7 Youngsters           | 40 Word with jacket or theatre |
| 8 Seal                 | 43 Liabilities                 |
| 9 Traditional tales    | 45 Astronaut Grissom           |
| 10 First victim        | 46 Huge, in ads                |
| 11 58-Across' comment  | 47 Persia, now                 |
| 16 Historic time       | 48 Gossip                      |
| 20 Bad hairpiece       | 49 Remedy                      |
| 21 Too theatrical      | 53 Regret                      |
| 22 Garfield's pal      | 54 "What's up, —?"             |
| 23 Investigate         | 55 Swelled head                |
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### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min .....	Smart
Under 13 min .....	21-25 min .....	Not bad
13-17 min .....	25+ min .....	Keep practising

### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Roast Beef Hash

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 lb (500 g) small red-skinned potatoes, cut into 1/4-in. (0.5 -cm) dice
- 2 carrots, quartered lengthwise and thinly sliced
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) plus 2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 1/4 cups (300 ml) frozen corn
- 3/4 tsp (4 ml) salt
- 1/4 tsp (6 ml) black pepper
- 6 oz (175 g) cooked roast beef, cut into 1/3-in. (1-cm) dice

#### METHOD:

1. Cook potatoes in medium pot of boiling water until almost tender, about 6 minutes. Add carrots and cook 2 minutes longer. Drain.
2. Spray large nonstick skillet with nonstick cooking spray. Add 1 tbsp (15

ml) oil and heat over medium-low heat. Add onion and garlic to skillet and cook, stirring frequently, until onion is golden brown, about 7 minutes.

3. Increase heat to medium-high. Add remaining 2 tsp (10 ml) oil. Add potatoes and carrots, corn, salt and black pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until mixture starts to form a crust, about 10 minutes.

4. Stir in beef and press down on mixture to help form a crust. Cook until crusty on bottom, about 5 minutes.

**SERVES 4**

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## Horoscopes

## AVATAR VENUS

### ARIES

**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

You've made an error in judgment. An executive doesn't speak your language. An odd couple talks about changing the world.



### TAURUS

**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

Keep track of an amusing competition. Money can be earned the easy way. Make a grab at a big and risky chance.



### GEMINI

**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

Cheer up by discussing the dating game. Remarkable pleasure creates a wild diversion. A flaky parent stumbles onto a solution.



### CANCER

**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A conversation eases the pain of unrequited love. An uncommon man shifts gears while debating. You will accomplish great things.



### LEO

**JULY 23-AUG 23**

A prudish woman questions your preferences. A nearby object has a strange effect. A guilty person needs medical attention.



### VIRGO

**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

A project is suspended by a worried person. The wrong guy is asked to make a job change. More adventures are coming soon.



### LIBRA

**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

Spiteful feelings make for an uncomfortable meeting. Your strategy is a controversial topic. Controlling your feelings leads to wonderful news.



### SCORPIO

**OCT 24-NOV 22**

A man has a chip on his shoulder. A friend faces a long-awaited response. Some errors are made in good faith.



### SAGITTARIUS

**NOV 23-DEC 21**

A loved one's exhaustion will lift. A walk will do wonders for a caring person. Having second thoughts promises a fresh start.



### CAPRICORN

**DEC 22-JAN 20**

The arrival of a risk-taking friend causes confusion. Whiny people will avoid doing chores. Helping someone out will bring you a windfall.



### AQUARIUS

**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Exhilarating prospects are notable for their thrills. An angry man is forced to have some fun. Some secrets are revealed due to a scandal.



### PISCES

**FEB 19-MARCH 20**

A man talks of a viable scheme. You'll get frustrated while on the phone. Be yielding but keep your mind clear.



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**Lucky Lange**  
Jessica Lange was extremely lucky yesterday after taking a fall at her Minnesota cabin. Family sources tell TMZ the actress grabbed for a railing that was not secure and fell over, breaking her shoulder and collarbone and dislocating her arm. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Celebrity Buzz



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Katy loves Queen ... a lot

**PEOPLE** Katy Perry wants a tattoo of Freddie Mercury's face, femalefirst.co.uk reports.  
The I Kissed a Girl singer wants to pay homage to the late Queen frontman by getting a giant design of his head inked on her back.  
She said: "I nearly got a huge tattoo of Freddie Mercury's face on my back a few years ago. It's probably for the best that I didn't get it done, but I still want to do it."  
The

24-year-old singer has previously named the eccentric star as her musical idol because of his flamboyant personality.  
She explained: "Freddie Mercury was — and remains — my biggest influence. The combination of his sarcastic approach to writing lyrics and his 'I don't give a f—' attitude really inspired my music."

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Charitable Britney fears death threats

**PEOPLE** Britney Spears — who performs her second show in Toronto tonight — is planning to visit sick children when her tour comes to London, England, in June, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer was so moved by her visit to Miami Children's Hospital earlier this month she has decided to repeat the experience at Britain's Great Ormond Street hospital.

A source said: "She would really like to do this. In Miami she met up with 40 kids and posed for pictures with them."

"She found it really moving that just a couple of minutes with the children could mean so much to them."

The 27-year-old star is due to bring her Circus tour — which kicked off in New Orleans two weeks ago — to London's O2 arena in two months, but is already threatening to cancel her remaining shows after receiving death threats.

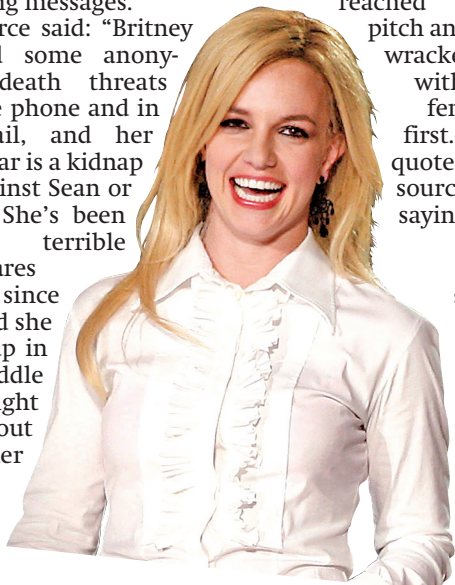
The website says Spears is reportedly worried the lives of her sons

Sean Preston, three, and Jayden James, two, could be in danger following the menacing messages.

A source said: "Britney received some anonymous death threats over the phone and in the mail, and her worst fear is a kidnap plot against Sean or Jayden. She's been having terrible nightmares ever since then and she wakes up in the middle of the night crying out for her boys."  
"She

told her head of security and he thinks it's a lone stalker. Her paranoia has reached fever pitch and she's wracked with fear," femalefirst.co.uk quotes the source as saying.

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GETTY IMAGES

Sarah goes psychic?

**PEOPLE** Sarah Jessica Parker hopes visits to a psychic will improve her marriage, according to Grazia magazine.

The Sex and the City star has reportedly been shelling out \$105 per visit to Psychic Serena to heal the bond with husband Matthew Broderick after claims he was unfaithful.

"It's all about working on their positive energy as a couple and making the right decisions based on what Serena advises," a source says.

But it looks like Broderick isn't exactly on the same page. "Sarah Jessica is open-minded

about seeing a psychic, but she doesn't take Matthew along with her. He just doesn't seem to take it seriously."

**METRO WORLD NEWS**



Jacko set for world tour?

**CAREER** After all 50 of his scheduled London shows this summer exceeded expectations and sold out in a matter of hours, Michael Jackson is reportedly considering expanding his farewell foray.

The former King of Pop is expected to announce similar long-stay engagements in New York and Los Angeles, according to Perez Hilton, and may even embark on a world tour.

**METRO WORLD NEWS**



Emily's on-screen double-timing

**CAREER** Emily Blunt found it "strange" kissing Tom Hanks and his son, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress shared a love scene with the elder Hanks in Charlie Wilson's War and

also kissed his son, Colin, in The Great Buck Howard. "I was before dad," Colin said. "Without sounding chauvinistic and possessive of her — I had her first ... Emily did say ... 'It's very strange to kiss both the son and the father.'"

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**Big Sheen sisters**

Charlie Sheen and wife Brooke Mueller welcomed twins Max and Bob on March 14, but the proud parents aren't the only ones jumping for joy: Sheen and ex Denise Richards' daughters Sam, five, and Lola, three, are excited to be big sisters. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



**Celebrity Buzz**

**John planning tell-all?**

**RUMOUR** John Mayer is considering dishing dirt now that he's split again from Jennifer Aniston, according to Star magazine. According to reports, the singer has been overheard saying he's got a lot of great material for a tell-all book.

"John just can't keep his mouth shut," a Mayer pal tells the magazine. "He's telling friends

that he's thinking of going public with all their juicy secrets."

And one of those secrets allegedly involves Aniston accidentally calling Mayer "Brad" — while in bed together.

**METRO WORLD NEWS**



**Guy on the rebound?**

**RUMOUR** This is one way to move on. Recently divorced Guy Ritchie was spotted having dinner in London earlier this week with Elle Macpherson. The reportedly enjoyed each other's company at

the Knotting Hill Brasserie, staying until after midnight. They then left separately to avoid being photographed together, according to just jared.com.

**METRO WORLD NEWS**



**LeAnn's secret affair?**

**RUMOUR** LeAnn Rimes is reportedly having an affair with Eddie Cibrian, alleges femalefirst.co.uk

The website reports the 26-year-old star — who married her former backing dancer Dean Sheremet in 2002 — has been spotted kissing her married co-star after getting close to him on the set of TV movie Northern Lights, according to Us Week-

ly magazine.

Security camera footage from Laguna Beach hotspots Mosun and Club M shows the two holding hands and kissing on a romantic dinner date. The couple also reportedly met for a three-hour tryst at the Malibu Beach Inn on March 14, the website also alleges.



Cibrian — who has recently appeared in the

**ADVICE** Vince Vaughn, let your pal Jon Favreau be the first one to welcome you to the "day shift," people.com is suggesting.

Favreau, who has been married with children for a number of years, talked to People about his friend and costar's recent engagement at the L.A. premiere of I Love You, Man, and what that means for Vaughn's lifestyle.

"Vince has been single for a number of years and we've been on different schedules," Favreau said. "He was sort of on the night shift; I was on the day shift, living on opposite ends of town."

And, he admits, as he settled down, "town" got smaller. "My trick really so far has been to work in town. I won't work on movies that as a director take me out of town."

"I like to be in California so I can be involved with my kids' school life, their personal life and be a dad and a husband," he said. "And that helps balance out the crazy hours and bigger than life career

that I'm lucky to have."

As for his own history with Vaughn — the 38-year-old ladies' man who is finally settling down himself with Albertan Kyla Weber — the guy friends have come full circle, it seems.

"It was nice



to work with him on Couples Retreat, and that movie is about couples, and it was interesting to explore that with him after our first experience with Swingers. And that was about being single. So, I think as our lives change, the subject matter of our movies change too, reflecting our lives," Favreau said.

He added: "I wish Vince the best. He's always been a smart guy. He's always been decisive at everything he does in his life and his career. I'm always impressed with his choices and the way that he goes about things."

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**

**Anna's funny life philosophy**

**PEOPLE** Anna Faris has the perfect solution for dealing with challenging situations: Find the humour in everything, people.com reports.

"I'm embarrassed on almost a daily basis," Faris, 32, tells Self magazine for its April issue. "You sort of have to suck it up sometimes."

Take, for instance, when fans approach The House Bunny star. Of-

ten, she says, the conversations are less than tactful.

"They say stuff like, 'You're so much shorter in person,'" Faris says. "Or 'Oh, my god, you look just like that girl, but you are a lot prettier than she is.'"

"You have to grin and bear it," Faris says. "I might say in return, 'I know I looked skinnier in The House Bunny, but thanks to my diet of beer and doughnuts, I'm back to my fightin' weight!'"

The funny actress says she developed her sense of humour over the years after being raised in a strict environment with conservative parents.

"Anything with a V-neck was forbidden," she says of her regimented childhood.

In fact, Faris still strives for

her parents' approval. "Even though I'm now in my 30s, I still have my parents sort of haunting me to 'act appropriate' and 'have good manners,'" she says, noting that she's found a way to deal with the issue. "I buy my mom off," Faris jokes. "With the Scary Movies, I started giving her Louis Vuitton handbags. "Now she wants a villa in Tuscany," she says. "I've created a monster!"

**METRO NEWS SERVICES**



**Timberlake Tequila on way**

**CAREER** Looks like Justin Timberlake is exploring yet another profession.

The singer, actor, restaurant investor and clothing designer is reportedly interested in getting into the tequila business, according to Page Six. Timberlake recently stopped by a Mexican distillery, where he was caught on video sampling the goods.

"This was one of his many meetings over the last two years in development of his tequila business," his rep tells the newspaper.

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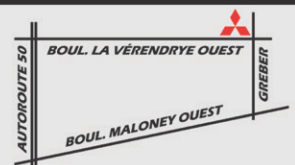
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